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Office Memorandum

• UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Assistant Director, ORE

DATE: 29 April 1949

25X1A9a FROM : [REDACTED]

SUBJECT: IM-144, Report on possibility of coordination with Service Agencies in respect to JIGM-96.

1. An analysis of studies made by ONI, ID supported by A-2, and CIA/ORE informally coordinated and agreed with OIR, leads to the conclusion that there is no basis for attempting to adjust differences for the purpose of reaching a joint-agreed paper.

2. The reasons for this conclusion are

a. The formulation of the problem permitted, in the absence of uniform clarification, alternative interpretations to develop.

b. Definition of terms and categories were not commonly understood.

c. Methods of preparing the studies and weighing the factors were not coordinated and agreed.

d. The intent of the request, as read by CIA/ORE, did not call for a joint-agreed paper but for "comments" that would be later "collated" with "service comments." On this basis, IM-144 was informally coordinated with OIR. A joint-agreed paper would have required a different procedure, into which the Intelligence Organization of the Department of State would have entered formally at the start.

3. The results of the above analysis were put before an informal meeting with Lt. Col. Chandler (ID) and Commander Abbott (ONI) Friday, 29 April 1949. Their judgment accords with that here given.

4. Recommendation

That CIA/ORE report to JIG that no basis exists for a joint-agreed text in response to JIGM-96.

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Memo: Re conversation Col. Campbell, [redacted] concerning 25X1A9a
interpretation of JIGM-96 (Thursday, 17 March 1949)

1. JIGM-96 could be taken as calling only for a broad, categorical - but substantiated - estimate of capabilities for each of 52 countries listed in enclosure (B).
2. Estimates concerning installations pin-pointed in enclosures (A) (B) not required at this time. Therefore, that part of the requested stated by para. 1 a of JIGM-96 is in effect cancelled except insofar as the installations listed fall within countries for which broad estimates will be made.
3. The above was Col. Campbell's understanding of the Committee's requirements. He would check with Col. Moult (?), who was ill, and correct any errors. No correction has been received to date.

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